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Docket No. GC527

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application: )  
David A. Estell et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1644  
Serial No.: 09/060,872 ) Examiner: Saunders, David A.  
Filed: April 15, 1998 )  
For: Mutant Proteins Having Lower Allergenic )  
Response in Humans and Methods for )  
Constructing, Identifying and Producing Such )  
Proteins )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED FEBRUARY 9, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2, while the Remarks begin on page 8. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).